



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Action on IATA Agreement  
Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1997**

**Docket:** OST-97-2574, R-1 through R-7 <sup>1/</sup>

**Description:** The agreement revises existing resolutions governing the election of members to five technical IATA panels and boards dealing with cargo business procedures, dangerous goods, live animals and perishables, unit load devices (ULDs) and airmail. It provides for the election of half of the membership at the annual meeting of each board or panel so as to maintain the continuity of expertise. Previously, the entire membership of each board or panel was up for re-election at every other annual meeting. In addition, the agreement revises Resolution 023 (Fractionless Billing), governing the rounding of shipment charges, to reflect new stipulations for Hong Kong, and modifies the customs declaration regarding U.S. export control regulations shown on the face of the air waybill, to reflect a ruling issued by the U.S. Government.

We do not find the resolutions incorporated in the above docket to be adverse to the public interest or in violation of 49 U.S.C. 41309, provided that approval is subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

**Accordingly,** we approve and grant antitrust immunity to the agreement, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of ten days, unless within such period a petition for review is filed pursuant to 14 CFR 385.50 or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion. Such actions are subject to judicial review under 49 U.S.C. 46110.

Given the noncontroversial nature of this agreement and the availability of the above procedure, we are waiving the 21-day period prescribed by 14 CFR 303.42.

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.Director, Office of International Aviation

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<http://www.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation.html>*

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<sup>1/</sup> IATA memorandum CSC/Reso/001-Part 2, adopted at the 19th Cargo Service Conference and filed with the Department on May 30, 1997